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Re. Point V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Prior art: US-A-4 261 477

This document discloses a fuel tank with at least one chamber in the upper region according to the preamble in claim 1.

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from this prior art in that, in an inclined position, the chamber holds a volume of fuel, and is therefore novel.

The problem to be solved can be regarded as the prevention of permeation of fuel in a ventilation opening in an inclined position.

The fuel tank from claim 1 solves this problem in that, in an inclined position, the chamber holds a volume of fuel, thus lowering the fuel level, and is therefore inventive.

Claims 2 - 7 comprise the features of claim 1 and are therefore also novel and inventive.

Industrial application is given as the field of vehicle manufacture.